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
1. The reply filed on August 17, 2006, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):
 2. In the response filed on August 17, 2006, applicant amended claims 94 and 95, and stated in the second paragraph of the "Remarks" that "Claims 94 and 95 have been amended to be in method form and are now part of Claim group 1, which includes claims 46-60, 66-93 and 94-102."
 3. Paragraphs 4 through 6 of the office action mailed on July 25, 2006, stated that "Should applicant elect the group I claims, applicant is required to elect a species as follows: This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: a method 1) in which a sheet of electrically conductive material is provided as a means for maintaining and 2) a method in which a sheet of dielectric material is provided as a means for maintaining. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claim 49 is generic."
 4. Applicant has not specified which species is elected as required by the previous office action. Consequently, applicant's submission is not fully responsive. See 37 CFR 1.111.
 5. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.
- EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William T. Leader whose telephone number is 571-272-1245. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays and alternate Fridays, 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Roy King, can be reached on 571-272-1244. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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